land, and that the consumption of coal in the city of New York was estimated as aforementioned to be 2,400,000 bushels in the year 1824, and that quite 400,000 tons, or 11,200,000 bushels were carried from the anthracite region near the sources of the Delaware and Schuylkill to Philadelphia and New York, during the year 1832*

Your committee respectfully, but confidently ask the members of this legislature, whether it may not be fairly inferred, from such facts, that if such superior coal, *as the variety found in Allegany county is known to be*, can be furnished at Georgetown for one half the price given for the anthracite at Philadelphia,† a quantity far exceeding that of the anthracite varieties now carried to New York and Philadelphia, will soon be transported to tide water on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal? Grant but this concession to your committee, and all which they proposed to prove may be clearly demonstrated. And it will be manifest, from the following estimate, that the tolls to be derived from the transportation of coal on the canal, will, within a few years, produce an annual, *clear revenue* exceeding seven per cent. per annum, on $6,000,000, or the whole cost ot constructing it from Georgetown to Cumberland. The tolls on 500,000 tons of coal‡ at about half cent per ton per mile for 186 miles, $1 per ton the whole distance will yield the sum of - - $500,000

And deducting for annual expenses the sum of - - - - 50,000

There will remain as nett annual revenue derived from tolls on coal, the sum of $450,000

* Vide 3d vol. Niles Register, p. 316.

† The Lehigh coal is usually sold there at $6 per ton of 28 bushels, and the Allegany coal can be delivered at Georgetown, when complete, and furnished at $3 50 per ton of 28 bushels

‡ The number of our bay vessels which an exportation of such a quantity of coal, from Georgetown or Baltimore would employ, would exceed 2000, to build and man which would make demands upon the skill and labor of our tide water districts, would diffue prosperity throughout their limits.